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Applicant: Tomanek, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3626  
Examiner: James R. Brittain  
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METHOD OF MANUFACTURE  
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COMPLETION OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

On May 3, 2002, Applicants submitted an amendment in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Office Action of March 13, 2002. At that time, Applicants indicated that they would submit corrected declarations before the 3-month shortened statutory period ends on June 13, 2002.


Applicants submit herewith corrected declarations signed by the 3 inventors, referring to the specification as filed and the amendment filed May 3, 2002. Applicants believe that with the submission of these declarations, they have made a full and complete response to the Office Action.

The claims are in an allowable condition, as discussed in the amendment filed May 3, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an early notice of allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would be helpful to resolving any matter.

Respectfully submitted,

May 22, 2002

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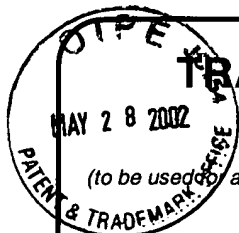
  
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